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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The Register was countersigned and the grant was paid."

Area in acres under groundnut.

* 351 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total number of acres under groundnut crops during the fasli years 1362 and 1363 in the residuary Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"The estimated area in acres under groundnut is—

	ACS.
Fasli 1362 (1952–53)	1,851,500
Fasli 1363 (1953–54)	1,957,000

The figures of actual area are not available."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" வட ஆற்காடு தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாக்களில் 1952–53-ல் மணிலா விதை இல்லாத காரணத்தினால் மணிலா சாகுபடி மிகக் குறைவாக இருந்தது. இப்படி போதிய விதை கிடைக்காத காலங்களில் அரசாங்கம் விதை கொடுக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"That was so due to the drought conditions prevailing in those two districts. I can assure the hon. Member that the Agriculture Department will give every facility that can be given."

Subsidy for libraries in South Arcot district.

* 352 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount spent in South Arcot district as subsidy for libraries during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"Rupees three thousand and sixty-five."

Deaths due to alcohol.

* 353 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases brought to the mortuary of the Government General Hospital, Madras, in years 1952 and 1953 for post-mortem examination; and

(*b*) how many of the deaths were due to the drinking of illicit arrack?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) 604 in 1952 and 563 in 1953 (up to 20th November 1953).